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Incineration requires lower temperatures than vitrification, therefore there should be no objection to that either. Actually, DOE indicated at the July CAB meeting that macroencapsulation will be employed instead of the vitrification proposed in the DEIS. We hope this change has been made on purely technical and economic grounds, rather than because of fears of objection by certain members of the public.

7. Unlike Pit 9, the project has thus far shown the best aspects of privatization. The selection of the contractor team was on merit. The lead organization, BNFL, has extensive successful experience with the operations proposed for the project. The contract vehicle appears to provide the necessary safeguards not only for the environment, but also for both the taxpayer and the risk takers. The contract team is performing diligently. It has successfully met all its commitments.

 We expect DOE to aggressively pursue this project, and to vigorously resist demands for delay.

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